Guilford Recreation Commission Meeting minutes

Thursday, February 10, 2022

I. Commissioners in attendance: Mary Wallace Collins, Ragan Beebe, Verandah Porche, Chris Zappala

II. Call to Order: 6:38pm

III. Approval of Minutes: (from 01/13/22) unanimous approval of minutes.

IV. Old Business:

- 1. Nordic Ski distribution update: Mary reports that two participants exchanged equipment for better fitting sizes.
- 2. Winterfest Sunday, February 27 12-3pm: While the Winterfest is still taking shape, Commission members brainstormed community contacts to reach out to in the next two weeks. If there is snow, there will be sledding, snowshoe hiking. snow sculptures, nordic skiing instructions, and s'mores. If there is no snow, Winterfest will be cancelled.
- 3. Playscape updates: Ragan contacted the town to havethePlayscape parking lot plowed after the last storm. It was unclear if the town would need reminders to plow at the Playscape regularly.

V. New Business:

- 1. New group forming for creating trails around Guilford- Mary to report
- 2. The Commission will further address the Playscape at their March meeting. Of particular concern is the ability for groups to have an open fire there. It appears to be a concern with the town insurance policy. Commissioners will continue looking for possibilities which will allow fires for group activities without violating town insurance policies. Commissioners will consult with State Rep. Sarah Coffey for assistance.

VI. Guilford Trails group: a group is forming to rehab and extend trails i throughout Guilford. The group is starting on extending the Weeks Trail.

There was some discussion of another group, also in Guilford, working on expanding bicycle trail options, particularly from the end of Sweet Pond Road to Guilford Center, and Guilford Center to the school.

VII. Adjournment: 7:21pm